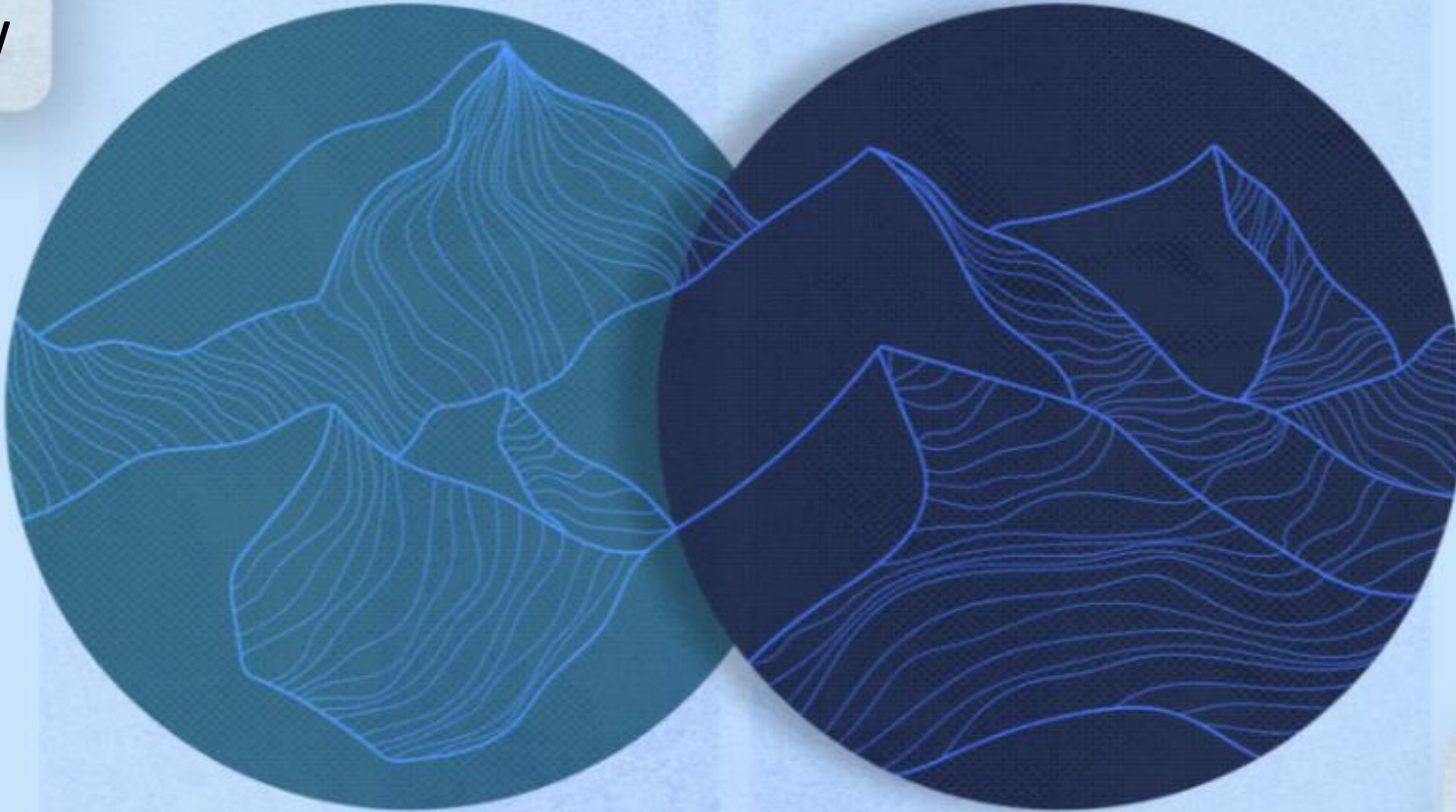


A scenic landscape featuring rolling hills and a body of water in the distance. In the foreground, a large, dark green tree stands on a grassy slope. The text "Sermon on the Mount" is overlaid in white. The background shows a vast, hazy landscape with a body of water and distant hills under a clear sky.

Sermon on the Mount

Sermon on the Plain

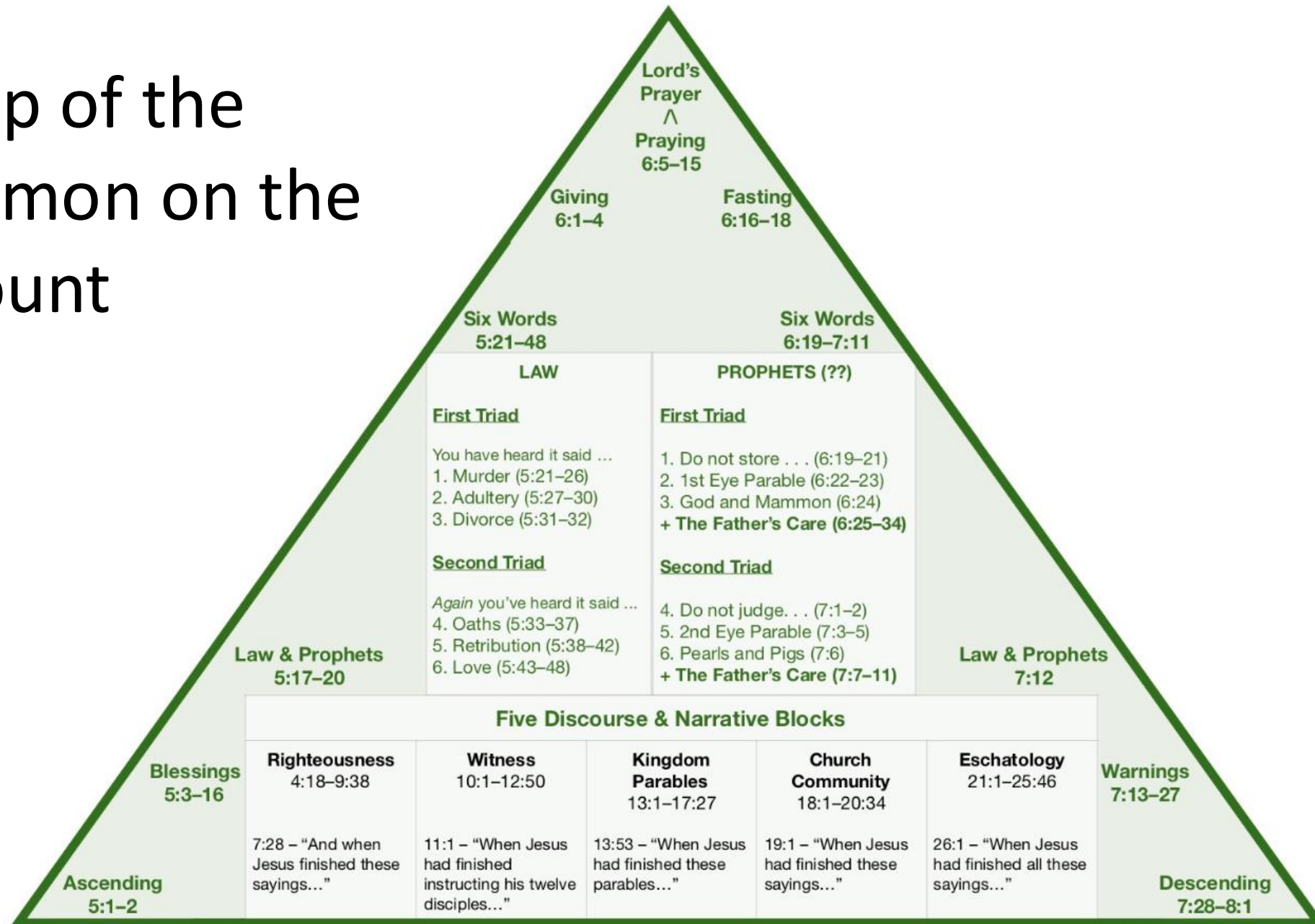
Matthew



Sermon on the Mount

Luke

Map of the Sermon on the Mount



Many of these observations have been drawn from the following resources:
The Sermon on the Mount and Human Flourishing by Jonathan Pennington; *The Sermon on the Mount* by Dale Allison.



Theological Themes

A golden ornate gate with intricate scrollwork and a central archway. The gate is flanked by two tall, decorative pillars. The gate is open, revealing a bright, golden light source (the sun) shining through the archway, creating a strong lens flare effect. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds, and the ground is covered in a layer of white, fluffy clouds. The overall scene is bright and ethereal, suggesting a heavenly or divine realm.

Kingdom of Heaven

The background is a blurred image of a sunset or sunrise sky with warm orange and yellow tones. On the left side, there are several dark, out-of-focus silhouettes of crosses, suggesting a cemetery or a religious monument. The text "CHRIST OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS" is centered horizontally and overlaid on the image.

CHRIST OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

New Lawgiver





ETHICS

ACCOUNTABILITY

PRINCIPLES

INTEGRITY

VALUES

A person wearing a blue and white plaid button-down shirt is holding an open book with both hands. The person is standing in front of a background of horizontal teal-colored wooden planks. The lighting is soft and even.

Discipleship and Mission

Literary Design



<https://bibleproject.com/guides/introduction-to-the-sermon-on-the-mount/>

Blessed are they (blessed are you) who are persecuted: we take up our crosses and follow Jesus, committing ourselves to everything He has taught us, even enduring persecution for His sake, but doing so joyfully because we know He has promised us eternal life in our Father's Kingdom.

"The only ladder to heaven is the Cross"
~ St. Rose of Lima

Blessed are the peacemakers

With Christ living in us we become conformed to His image of peace and love \Rightarrow In the image of Christ we become the divine children of His Father

Blessed are the pure in heart

When old hearts are replaced with the pure heart of Jesus our redeemer \Rightarrow We will see God's face in the faces of everyone with whom we share His love

Blessed are the merciful

Being merciful and showing forgiveness \Rightarrow You will be given mercy and forgiveness through Jesus' perfect Sacrifice on the Cross

Blessed are those who hunger & thirst for righteousness

Seeking the King of Righteousness \Rightarrow You will be filled by Christ in the Eucharist

 **Turning Point**

Yield our will to God's will for our lives = renewed \Rightarrow Inherit "the Land"; the Church = dominion to bind and loose

Blessed are the meek

Mourn own sins and world sin = purification \Rightarrow comfort & strength, Reconciliation

Blessed are those who mourn

Those who acknowledge their need for God \Rightarrow Kingdom of Heaven = eternal life promised through Baptism and faithfully living the Law of love on a life time journey of faith

Blessed are the poor in spirit

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The Progression of the Beatitudes

Beatitudes contain 7 or 8 (depending on how you count them) successive fundamental spiritual states that every Christian must strive to achieve. The Beatitudes must be lived fully and completely just as the 10 Commandments have to be lived in their entirety.

Gospel of St. Matthew 5: 1-11

Matthew 5:1-5 (NRSV)-

5 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. **2** Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Matthew 5:6-8 (NRSV)-

⁶ 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Matthew 5:9-12 (NRSV)-

⁹ 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Symmetrical Blessings and Curses in Luke 6:20-26 (NIV)

20 **Blessed** are you who are **poor**,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

21 **Blessed** are you who **hunger** now,
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who **weep** now,
for you will laugh.

22 **Blessed** are you when people **hate** you, when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.
23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven.
For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

24 But **woe** to you who are **rich**,
for you have already received your comfort.

25 **Woe** to you who are **well fed** now,
for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who **laugh** now,
for you will mourn and weep.

26 **Woe** to you when everyone **speaks well** of you,
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

Luke 6:17-21 (NRSV)-

¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ ‘Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

Luke 6:22-25 (NRSV)-

²² 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ 'But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

Luke 6:26-28 (NRSV)-

²⁵ 'Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that
is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Application



Grace-Filled
Discipleship

Social
Holiness

Prayer & Worship



Adelphi Benediction

May the Lord Bless You and Keep You.

May the Lord Make His Face to Shine Upon You. And Be Gracious Unto You.

May the Lord Lift Up His Countenance Upon You and Give You Peace. Amen!

